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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114.**

Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on

ii. ☐ Other 07/30/2003 AWONDAF1 00000078 09651226  
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b. ☒ Enclosed  
☒ Amendment/Reply ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**


a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1652.
- ☐ RCE Fee required under 37 CFR §1.17 (e)
- ☐ Extension of time fee if necessary
- ☒ other \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☒ Applicants petition for a (3) three-month extension of time to respond under 37 CFR § 1.136(a).
5. ☒ Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-1652.
6. ☒ Enclosed is our Check in the amount of **\$1680.00** to cover the RCE Fee required under 37 CFR §1.17 (e) and extension fee.
7. ☒ If the required fees are missing or any additional fees are required during the pendency of the subject application, please charge such fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1652 (RATLP023).
8. ☒ Please continue to send correspondence to the following address:

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